

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A fluorescent thin film comprising a matrix material which comprises a rare earth sulfide or a rare earth selenide, and which further comprises a rare earth element as a light emission center, the rare earth element as the light transmission center being different from the rare earth element of the matrix material, and

wherein said matrix material comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a rare earth thioaluminate, a rare earth thiogallate and a rare earth thioindate.

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3. (Amended) The fluorescent thin film according to claim 1, wherein said rare earth element of the matrix material is an element selected from the group consisting of Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Gd, Tb, Ho, and Er.

4. (Amended) The fluorescent thin film according to claim 1, wherein the matrix material is lanthanum thioaluminate or neodymium thioaluminate.

5. (Amended) The fluorescent thin film according to claim 1, wherein the rare earth element as the light emission center is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ce, Eu, Tb and Tm.

6. (Amended) An EL panel comprising a fluorescent thin film according to claim 1.

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Please add the following new claim:

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8. (New) The fluorescent thin film according to claim 8, wherein the matrix material is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of lanthanum thioaluminate, neodymium thioyallate, yttrium thioindate and Europium thioaluminate.